

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed September 19, 2005. Claims 17-31 have been withdrawn. New claims 32-46 have been added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner set forth an election restriction requirement of the claimed inventions between cancelled Claims 1-16, drawn to using transmission time into time slots for synchronizing, classified in class 370, subclass 508, and newly added claims 17-31, drawn to using synchronization information distributed within the defining frame, classified in class 370, subclass 512.

Applicants hereby add new claims 32-45. Independent claim 32 corresponds to former claim 1. In addition, claim 32 includes further limitations regarding the transmission of synchronization information. According to claim 32, a specific synchronization information is sent to each slave unit. Each slave unit is assigned a predefined time slot and the start time of each time slot for each slave unit is transmitted within the synchronization information. These additional limitations further limit former claim 1. Thus, Applicants believe that the newly submitted independent claim 32 is within the same subcombination I. Furthermore, none of the cited prior art documents disclose such a specific synchronization mechanism.

Change of Correspondence Address

Applicants respectfully request that all papers pertaining to the above-captioned patent application be directed to Customer No. **31625** and all telephone calls should be directed to Andreas Grubert at 512.322.2545.

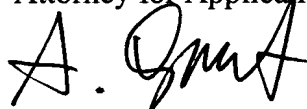
CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of Claims 32-46.

Applicants enclose a check in the amount of \$900.00 for the new claims. Applicants also enclose a Petition for One Month Extension of Time, and a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the extension fee. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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